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## RIGHT TO FREEDOM

We are thinking of a section of President Harding's speech at Marion, Ohio, a few days ago. We are wondering what he really meant when he said: "The foremost thought in the constitution is the right to freedom and the pursuit of happiness. Men must be free to live and achieve, as the President so eloquently says, we still wonder why the President insisted on playing the hand of proscription, segregation and Jim-crowism upon the colored people of this country."

We further noted that President Harding said: "Governments cannot tolerate class or group domination through force." These are lofty sayings and carry a deal of weight and meaning, but the question is, what do they mean coming from the Chief Executive of this nation? We raise this query because the President knows he practices class domination every day.

Being President of the United States, we suppose that Mr. Harding delegates himself the right to be as inconsistent as was Woodrow Wilson during the latter's eight years as President of the United States. However, we must quote another passage from this recent address which we find very interesting.

"My one outstanding conviction after sixteen months in the presidency, is that the greatest traitor to his country is he who appeals to prejudice and inflames passion when sober judgment and honest speech are so necessary to firmly establish tranquility and security."

Here the President speaks of traitors. He brands the man as a "traitor" who appeals to prejudice and inflames passion. My God! Why doesn't he dismiss some of those traitors in the departments at Washington who more, live, and hate their art all through prejudice.

## MAKING PROGRESS ON THE DYER BILL

Despite the fact that pessimists and the Democrats predicted, the Dyer and anti-lynching bill which is now before the United States Senate, is making substantial progress.

It is gratifying to us to know that the Judiciary Committee of the Senate has reported the bill favorably, despite the efforts of Jim Reed, the senior senator from Missouri.

Those who have opposed the bill have to find another "alibi" as the old statement "die" or "sleep" in the committee has failed them.

In reporting this bill favorably to the Senate, the committee did the proper and logical thing. If the bill with the present changes is not constitutional, the interpretation should be made by the Supreme Court and the United States to decide. Therefore, it is now the duty of the Senate to act on the bill and pass it in that body so that it can become a law. President Harding says he will sign the measure.

It has been insinuated that the Republicans will possibly pass the bill for "political reasons." We suppose that the Democrats will oppose the bill for "political reasons."

There will be a whole lot of "belly-aching" in the Senate on the part of Southern Senators when the Anti-lynching bill comes up for consideration. You talk about "playing politics" we are hardly able to predict what will happen to some of those Southern Senators who for political reasons are pledged to their constituents at home to let them "lynch a nigger" whenever those crackers get darn ready.

And while it is not generally admitted, yet it is a pretty well known fact that fear of their defeat in the hearts of those Southern Senators if the anti-lynching bill passed the Senate. Of course, the country will not lose much if they don't return, so we are quite hopeful of its passage.

Don't forget those candidates who are members of the Ku Klux Klan. The Klan is the same menace to public welfare as the common thief is to public life. Swat them both whenever, and wherever you get the chance.

The fellow who gives up by the race, acknowledges his defeat. Politics make strange bed-fellows. Have you noticed so much handshaking these days?

Lynching and general prevalence of lawlessness will continue in America until the government takes a hand in breaking it up.

Trust in self. The other fellow may fool you. Selfishness is at the bottom of most of our troubles.

After hearing both sides of a subject, you are, as a rule, as you were.

We wonder what would become of the world if every body told the naked truth.

Will the mayor have the courage to appoint a colored man on the school board? As to the justice and righteousness of the act there is no doubt.

Ninety-nine percent of the colored people in St. Louis say that we should have a high school east of Grand Boulevard. What does the Board of Education say?

After reading the speech delivered by President Harding at his old home town in Marion the other day, we confess, that we don't know whether he was coming or going.

We don't understand why every candidate who is aspiring for political office disclaim that they are a boss candidate. The truth which we would like to know is the difference between a political leader, and a political boss.

The Negroes are contending for some political recognition in the way of elective offices. You are right boys, go ahead.

Learn to labor, and to wait.

Some strange things are going to happen after the coming Primary election.

## Ku Klux Klan Forces

Newspaper Comment

By J. A. CASTON

According to the Sunday St. Louis Globe Democrat, the Ku Klux Klan is gaining rapid head in its struggle from suppression of the political affairs in the country. It is already alleged that the Ku Klux Klan in greater numbers than in the past, is now active in political affairs especially where they exist in large numbers, have argued the interest of the political powers to the extent they are giving expression through the press. The Ku Klux Klan is also alleged to be an appalling disintegration of our government.

Since the re-organization of this once dead institution its effects and influence has been felt to no small degree especially as it has prescribed against the Negro, having for its established slogan, "Supremacy of the white race," but there seems to be another principle underlying its activities which has caused an extensive investigation as to its purpose. Many new of intention sought to establish a ground for either defending or rejecting its principles but to the final and final have decided that the activities justify denunciation. In Texas, then the Klan has extended considerably, it seems to be a noted activity to detect both Republican and Democratic candidates. In McClellan County, the sheriff who is a candidate for reelection states that the Ku Klux Klan has him more urged from the idea of mob violence, than any other set of men and women in the county. He avows himself to stand for the re-organization of the Klan, and he avows himself to stand for the constitution of the United States.

The effect of this organization is being felt as all living organizations are. It is in many ways a very real and a very real source cause to furnish adequate territory for invasion, it begins to be felt in the southern states of Texas, Georgia, Alabama, and others south of the Mason-Dixon line. The Ku Klux Klan is a very real source cause to furnish adequate territory for invasion, it begins to be felt in the southern states of Texas, Georgia, Alabama, and others south of the Mason-Dixon line.

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## WESTERN UNIVERSITY

Newspaper Comment

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## Something to Think About

By F. A. WALKER

ROSES OR THISTLES?

DO YOU pause sometimes while

journeying through the fields and

along the byways of life to consider

whether you are sowing roses or

thistles? The basket which you are

carrying is probably empty, but the

seed which you are sowing is not

empty. You will find that the seed

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The grand jury meeting will hold at 2 o'clock on Monday. It will be adjourned until the 10th of the month.





# The People's Candidate

If you want a **HIGH SCHOOL FOR COLORED STUDENTS**, located in the Seventeenth Ward east of Grand Avenue, **VOTE FOR MRS. ELBRIDGE FULKS** for Seventeenth Ward member of the Republican City Committee.

Mrs. Fulks is pledged to use all the power at her command, as member of the committee, to get this school for you.

Mrs. Fulks, as the only woman on the committee, will stand for things in which women of the entire city are interested, **GIVING HER AN INFLUENCE IN SHAPING PARTY POLICIES, AND IN BEHALF OF THE WARD WHICH SHE REPRESENTS, MUCH GREATER THAN THAT OF ANY OTHER MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE.**

A **VOTE FOR MRS. FULKS IS A BOOST FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL** and to vote for Mrs. Fulks just **SCRATCH THE NAME OF FRANK M. SLATER** at the bottom of your ballot.



## Mrs. Elbridge Fulks

CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER  
Of The Republican

**City Committee**  
**SEVENTEENTH WARD**

PRIMARY ELECTION AUGUST 1st, 1922

**For**  
**Better Recognition**

**For**  
**Truer Representation**

If you want a member of the committee that will be the **PARTY SERVANT AND NOT THE PARTY BOSS** of Republican voters in the ward, **VOTE FOR MRS. ELBRIDGE FULKS** for Seventeenth Ward member of the Republican City Committee.

Mrs. Fulks will demand that the ward be given the recognition to which it is entitled in the distribution of proper public patronage, but **WILL ASK THE REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION IN THE WARD TO SAY TO WHOM THESE PLACES SHALL GO.**

The election of Mrs. Fulks means that the ward organization in every precinct on both sides of Grand Avenue must be consulted in the distribution of city jobs.

If you want to give deserving party workers, heretofore ignored, a chance, **SCRATCH THE NAME OF FRANK M. SLATER** at the bottom of your ballot.

**IF YOU WANT YOUR BALLOT COUNTED AS CAST** in the Seventeenth Ward for candidates of your choice for **JUSTICES OF THE PEACE AND CONSTABLES** in the Fourth District **VOTE FOR MRS. ELBRIDGE FULKS** for Seventeenth Ward member of the Republican City Committee.

Mrs. Fulks is pledged that the ballot of every voter in the Seventeenth Ward, both white and colored, must be counted as cast.

**MRS. FULKS STANDS FOR HONEST ELECTIONS AND FOR EQUAL AND EXACT JUSTICE TO ALL, REGARDLESS OF RACE, CREED, SEX OR COLOR.**

A **VOTE FOR MRS. FULKS IS A DEMAND FOR A SQUARE DEAL.** If you want a square deal **SCRATCH THE NAME OF FRANK M. SLATER** at the bottom of your ballot.

If you want the Seventeenth Ward east of Grand Avenue to become a **CIVIC, CHURCH AND SCHOOL CENTER**, and because of that the most desirable colored residence section in St. Louis, **VOTE FOR MRS. ELBRIDGE FULKS** for Seventeenth Ward member of the Republican City Committee.

Mrs. Fulks stands for principles that mean better houses, better streets and better citizenship; encouraged by such improved conditions.

A **VOTE FOR MRS. FULKS IS A VOTE FOR A BETTER HOME** for your family, and if you want to vote for Mrs. Fulks **SCRATCH THE NAME OF FRANK M. SLATER** at the bottom of your ballot.

## Mrs. Elbridge Fulks Stands For These Principles

WHEREAS: We, the "Seventeenth Ward Committee of 132", representing the Republican voters of that ward, assert our belief in honest and clean municipal government, demand that every voter shall have the right to cast one ballot and have that vote counted as cast; and repudiate domination of the party ward organization for corrupt and selfish purposes; and

WHEREAS: Frank M. Slater, member of the Republican City Committee for the old Seventeenth Ward, who was ousted from the office of Public Administrator, after the disclosure of election frauds perpetrated in the ward in his behalf, is a candidate for election to the committee representing the new Seventeenth Ward; and

WHEREAS: A stream cannot rise above its fountain head and a ward party organization and its principles cannot be better than the individuals who compose and dominate that organization; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That we are opposed to the election of Frank M. Slater as a member of the Committee for the new Seventeenth Ward, such opposition being based upon his record, which is undesirable; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That we favor and endorse the election of Mrs. Elbridge Fulks, to succeed Frank M. Slater as a member of the Republican City Committee, and pledge our support to her for the following reasons:

We want to remove the stigma of political fraud that has caused residence in the Seventeenth Ward to become a city-wide reproach.

We want to abolish a fraudulent political system that has done more, and if permitted to exist will continue to do more, to depreciate the value of property in the Seventeenth Ward than a permanent pestilence.

The Seventeenth Ward is the geographical center of the city. Its location near the business center and its adequate transportation facilities, its many churches,

hotels, apartment houses and splendid residence boulevards and streets should, and would, invite under improved ward political conditions the highest type of citizenship.

We stand for conditions that will promote civic and educational development in the Seventeenth Ward.

A Masonic Temple, to be one of the most imposing in the world, is in course of construction, while the homes of clubs and a great University are located just west of Grand Avenue; and we stand for the removal of the blight that present political conditions in the Seventeenth Ward, cast upon these institutions.

The beautiful Y. M. C. A. Building on Pine Street, east of Grand Avenue, is a monument that stands for the sobriety, morality and industry of the colored race, although colored voters in the Seventeenth Ward, under present political conditions, are denied the right to have their votes counted as cast.

We stand for the election of a member of the Republican City Committee to represent the Seventeenth Ward in the Republican Party, councils pledged that the ballot of every voter, both white and colored, in the ward will be counted as cast.

We stand for a modern and thoroughly equipped high school for colored students to be located in the Seventeenth Ward, east of Grand Avenue, so that succeeding generations may not only have their ballots counted as cast, but may cast intelligent ballots.

We believe that members of the party committee should be the servants and not the bosses of the Republican voters in their respective wards.

We stand for the election of a member of the Committee to represent Republican voters of the Seventeenth Ward in the Republican City Committee pledged to represent all of them and not just himself, relatives and personal friends.

We want a member of the Committee who will demand that the ward be given the recognition to which it is entitled in the distribution of proper public patronage, but who will ask the Republican organization in the ward to say to whom these places shall go.

We believe that a \$5,000 position on the city payroll, held by a member of the city committee, or a relative, merely because of political influence and not on the ground of efficiency, is a detriment to the public service and an injury to the party, and we are opposed to such practice.

We think two efficient men or women on the payroll at a total of \$5,000 a year, instead of one individual at that sum, even if efficient, will result in better public service and in twice the party service, and we stand for that principle.

We favor the election of a member of the Committee who will demand honest elections, refuse promise of protection to criminal characters, in return for corrupt political work, and who will stand for exact justice to all voters regardless of race, sex or color. Voters who stand for these principles will stand with Mrs. Fulks in the election.

We are opposed to the intimidation of voters at the polls and in public political meetings, and we believe the election of Mrs. Fulks will put an end to this reign of terror. Voters who stand with us for this principle will support Mrs. Fulks in the primary.

The Republican Party issue in the Seventeenth Ward is clearly drawn with the principles involved as far separated as the opposite sides of the earth. The side which Mrs. Fulks represents stands for political integrity and public decency. There is no middle ground and it is up to the Republican voters to make their choice.

SEVENTEENTH WARD COMMITTEE OF 132 FOR MRS. ELBRIDGE FULKS

MRS. GEORGE GILFORD, Chairman; V. J. WOLFLEY, Secretary; EYRON T. LEBERT, Treasurer.





